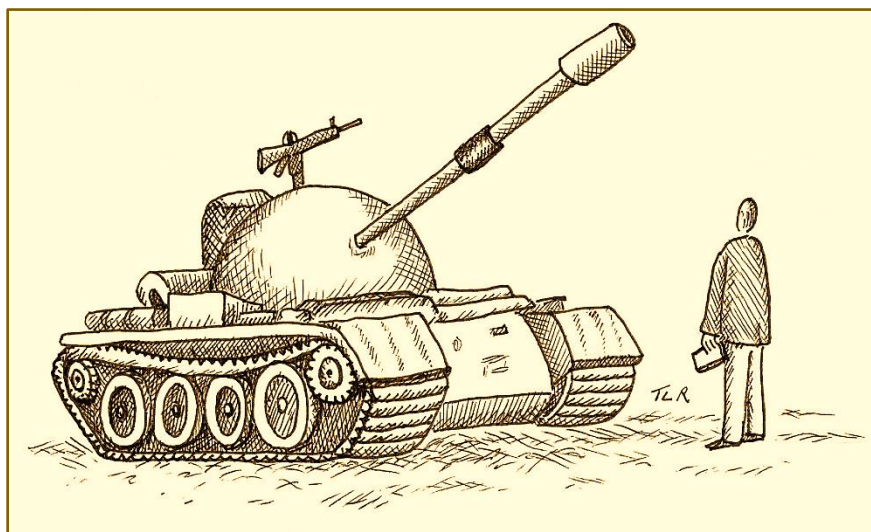


THE PROBLEM OF CAESAR: WHAT IS TO BE DONE? (PART IV)

THE BIBLICAL COURSE OF ACTION WHEN
CAESAR USURPS THE ROLE OF GOD...



"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome
evil with good." - Rom. 12:21 (NASB'95)

VALLEY GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH OF ARMAGH, PA
AUGUST 27, AD 2023

The LORD'S Day

The Twenty-seventh Day of August, *in the Year of our Lord* 2023

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!



Sunday School—9:30 AM.



"God preordained, for his own glory and the display of His attributes of mercy and justice, a part of the human race, without any merit of their own, to eternal salvation, and another part, in just punishment of their sin, to eternal damnation." —John Calvin

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"We're Marching to Zion"* (#475; v. I).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"All Hail the Power Jesus' Name"* (#20).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:14-21.

Prayer, Praises, and Testimony.

Hymn: *"Pass it On"* (#491).

Announcements.

Hymn: *"Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might"* (#480).

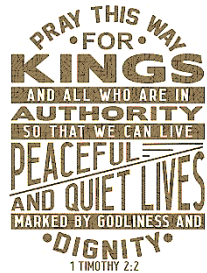
Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"POLITICAL TYRANNY: WHAT IS TO BE DONE? (PT. 4)"*

Closing Hymn:* *"Send the Light"* (#503).

Benediction.*



The Congregation will please arise, if able.



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MID-WEEK PRAYER SERVICE: 6:30 PM



The time has come for Daniel to reveal the meaning of the mysterious message from God (Dan. 5:24-28).



Week of Aug. 20 – Aug. 26

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—I3;

Midweek—5; Weekly Offering—\$379.⁰⁰

"The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes."—Proverbs 21:1 (NASB)

AFRICA UPDATE

From: Pastor Keith Merriman (8/23/23)

Dear beloved brethren,

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ. Sorry I have been so neglectful in communicating. Pastor Salomon and Mary are on the last leg of their trip home. They left Brussels and are heading for a stop in Douala Cameroon and then on to Yaounde (their home). They are scheduled to arrive about 3 PM our time (8 PM Cameroon time).

Nancy and I and Salomon and Mary have been travelling for about two months. We drove about 4000 miles and ministered to a least a dozen churches. It was a wonderful experience! Thanks to everyone who showed us hospitality, for all the gifts to help with the ministry and for the many who helped with transportation. Thanks also for everyone's prayers that kept us safe as we traveled.

Please continue to pray for Salomon and Mary as they are scheduled to leave tomorrow for another church planting opportunity through the Mobile Medical Outreach ministry. God bless you all thanks for your gifts and prayers—Keith

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A Biblical Response to Tyranny

by Pastor Terry Reese, Valley GBC of Armagh, PA; 8/23/23

Political Tyranny: a persistent problem that has always been with us—even from the early Cradles of Civilization that emerged out of Babel...

I. Human government and the will of God.

- A.** Human government is a **necessity** and is **ordained** of God (Rm. 13:4).
- B.** But exploitative, oppressive **tyranny is not God's will** (Prov. 16:12). Like every other institution ordained of God (e.g., the home, the church), human government has been *corrupted* (1 Sam. 8:10-18).
- C.** **Particularly obnoxious** is the totalitarian state's attempts to regulate and control the free expression of man's **spiritual life** (e.g., Dan. 3 & 6, Rv.13:15). Jesus says some things do NOT belong to Caesar (Mtt.22:21)!

II. What can the Christian DO about it? What should he NOT do?

A. Negatively, things that believers are NOT called to engage in:

1. **Pietistic indifference** to temporal human affairs.
2. **Lawless anarchy** (Rom. 13:1-7, 1 Pet. 2:13-15) or unnatural **rebellion**.
3. Promote a **state-church/theocracy** or worldly **"social gospel."**
4. Total **blind submission** to Caesar; ultimate loyalty belongs to God.

B. Positively, those things that Christians ARE called to observe:

1. Recognize the identity of the **real & ultimate enemy** (Eph 6:11-12).
2. **Do good in all things, spiritual & temporal** (Matt. 22:39; Acts 10:38, Gal. 6:9-10), including recognizing our *civic responsibilities* (Jer. 29:7) and employing those resources and lawful opportunities that God has made available to us (**note:** millions of evangelicals don't even *vote!*).
3. **Resist evil** in a biblical manner, practicing civil nonconformity (e.g., Ex. 1:15-21; Heb. 11:23-27, 31; 1 Kings 18:3-4; Dan. 3:15-18, 6:10; Acts 4:19-20, 5:28-29). Christians *can* and *should* employ godly means to resist a regime that commands or encourages evil & debases human dignity. But if a Christian *does* disobey Caesar, he must be prepared to *accept the attending consequences*—perhaps even the martyr's path!
4. Obey the cultural mandate to **serve as Salt & Light** (Matt. 5:13-16). Stay *informed*, and *inform others*; preserve & enlighten the culture.
5. Uphold & maintain our **personal testimony** (1Pet. 2:15, Rom. 12:21)!
6. Fulfill the **Great Commission** (Matt. 28:19-20)—our *chief* expression of "doing good"—which involves not only *basic evangelism*, but also teaching *everything* that Jesus taught & commanded (Acts 20:20, 27)!
7. **Pray** (1 Tim. 2:1-2). God has power even over a king's heart (Prov. 21:1)!